

II. REMARKS

Claims 13, 15-21, 23-29, 31-34, 36-47, and 50-52 are pending in the present application. In the subject office action, claims 13, 27, and 40 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Additionally, all of the claims were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Published Application 2002/0026394 (hereinafter Savage) in view of U.S. Patent 6,839,687 (hereinafter Dent). However, Applicants note that claim 16 was omitted when discussing the rejections in subject office action. Also, a rejection was directed to a claim 9, which is not a pending claim in the present application.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview with the Examiner on January 24, 2008. Additionally, Applicant appreciates the amended claim language suggested by the Examiner and reflected in the amendments herein. Applicant further appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgment that claims incorporating the amended claim language would be considered in allowable form, and a notice of allowance would issue shortly after the amendments were entered. Although the Examiner initially agreed to amend the claims according to the agreed upon language by entering a formal examiner's amendment, Applicant appreciates Examiner's phone call on February 19, 2008, requesting that Applicant enter the amendments as previously discussed due to time constraints. As such, the claims were amended as shown in the above amendments.

III. CONCLUSION

To the extent that the amendments constitute a narrowing of the claims, such narrowing of the claims should not be construed as an admission as to the merits of the prior rejections. Furthermore Applicant expressly reserves all rights and arguments with respect to distinctions not explicitly noted herein.

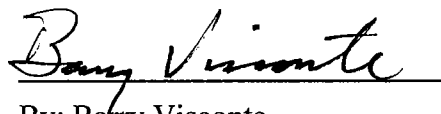
Based on the foregoing, all present claims are in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and notice of allowance of these claims are earnestly solicited. Applicants

encourage the Examiner to contact their representative, Barry M. Visconte at (513) 651-6849 or bvisconte@fbtlaw.com should the Examiner wish to discuss the amendments or remarks made herein.

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